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### MINUTES

November 20, 2024 at 8:30am

1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room B  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Members Present:** Ms. Jane Solomon (Break: 12:15pm – 12:45pm), Dr. Craig Nausley, Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT, Dr. Robyn Jaynes (appeared telephonically for agenda items IV. #5 and IV. #14), Dr. Greg Byrne, Dr. Melissa Thompson, and Dr. Darren Wright.

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff and Legal Counsel Present:** Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Mr. Marc Harris, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Investigations (via Google Meets); Todd Mannon, Premises Compliance Specialist, and Kiefer Chakmakian, Board Staff.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Roll call:** Dr. Byrne 8:32 am.

### II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES

#### 1. 24-131, In Re: Scot Diskin, DVM. Continuation and possible action to reconsider moving the matter to an Informal Interview and taking alternative action.

Attorney Shimin Luo was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Diskin. Ms. Bambi Hartman was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to rescind the motion moving this matter to an Informal Interview. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Solomon).

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to offer Dr. Diskin a Consent Agreement modifying the Investigative Committee's proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Solomon to find Dr. Diskin in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (11)** Gross negligence; treatment of a patient or practice of veterinary medicine resulting in...unnecessary death that was caused by carelessness, negligence or the disregard of established principles or practices due

- to not performing a splenectomy correctly by not ligating an artery and vein resulting in the dog bleeding to the point where she required humane euthanasia;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedure for reporting that an ovarian hysterectomy was performed on the dog, when it was not. According the necropsy report, the dog's uterus was not removed;
  - **A.R.S § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to show respect to the owner of the animal by not communicating to the pet owner the dog was undergoing a splenectomy and CPR had to be performed; and
  - **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures by not providing treatment to a patient with abdominal bleeding.

Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by ... to offer Dr. Diskin a Consent Agreement with the following terms:

- Period of Probation for 2 years;
- All abdominal surgery prohibited – before practice restriction can be restored, Dr. Diskin must comply with the following:
  - Identify a shelter or spay/neuter facility for Board approval within 90 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement;
  - After Board approval, the responsible veterinarian or shelter director shall confirm in writing, on facility letterhead, that they have read and understand the terms of Dr. Diskin's Consent Agreement;
  - Dr. Diskin shall observe five (5) abdominal surgical procedures on dogs over 50 pounds and provide a report to the Board that includes a signalment and surgical description.
- Eight (8) hours of abdominal surgery wet lab;
- Three (3) hours of medical record keeping;
- Three (3) hours of critical care; and
- A civil penalty of \$500 per violation, totally \$2000, to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period.

If the Consent Agreement is not signed within two weeks the matter shall be scheduled to an Informal Interview. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

## 2. 24-138, In Re: Bryan Neidigh, DVM

Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Neidigh in violation of **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (11)** Gross negligence; leaving a puppy in the dog's uterus during a cesarean section. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Wright to offer Dr. Neidigh a Consent Agreement amending the Investigative Committee's proposed Findings of Fact to include the description/color of the dog. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Wright to offer a **Consent Agreement** that includes a period of **Probation for 1 year** to obtain an additional **three (3) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory

requirements to maintain licensure. Those three (3) hours shall be in **reproductive surgery**. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. 24-147, In Re: Michael Peplowski, DVM**

Mr. Ricardo Escobar was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Byrne to dismiss this issue with no violation and issue a Letter of Concern. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, nay; Ms. Soloman, nay; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, nay; Dr. Nausley, nay; and Dr. Byrne, aye. **Motion failed, 4 nays, 2 ayes.**

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation; offer Dr. Peplowski a **Consent Agreement** adopting the Investigative Committee's proposed Findings of Fact and proposed Conclusions of Law as the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Motion passed 4 ayes, 2 nays (Dr. Wright and Dr. Byrne).

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to offer Dr. Peplowski a Consent Agreement that includes a period of **Probation of 1 year** to obtain **four (4) hours** of additional continuing education in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those four (4) hours shall be in **client communication**. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be scheduled to an Informal Interview. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, nay. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Dr. Byrne).

### **4. 24-148, In Re: Wayne Lipovitch, DVM**

Dr. Lipovitch was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to modify the Investigative Committee's proposed Conclusions of Law and find Dr. Lipovitch in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** failure to maintain adequate records of veterinary services provided with respect to the inaccurate surgical sterilization certificate and no documentation of the surgical description recorded in the medical record;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C R3-11-502 (L) (7) (d)** failure to document the route of administration of the induction medications (ketamine, midazolam, and acepromazine) in the medical record; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedure for inadequately preparing the surgical site with respect to hair removal.

Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to offer Dr. Lipovitch a Consent Agreement that includes a period of Probation for 1 year to obtain an additional seven (7) hours of continuing education in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those seven (7) hours shall be in:

- Four (4) hours in Medical Record Keeping; and
- Three (3) hours in Surgical Technique.

If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be scheduled for an Informal Interview. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. 24-149, In Re: Christine Sullivan, DVM**

Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Wright to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. 24-150, In Re: Mark Soderstrom, DVM**

Dr. Soderstrom was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. 24-151, In Re: Veronica Hough, DVM**

Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. 24-152, In Re: Michael Robinson, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to disagree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and find Dr. Robinson in violation of **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to use current professional and scientific knowledge due to dispensing prednisone and galliprant concurrently on 4/17/24 for the treatment of osteoarthritis. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Wright to offer Dr. Robinson a **Consent Agreement**, amending the Investigative Committee's proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Wright to offer Dr. Robinson a Consent Agreement that includes a period of **Probation for 1 year** to obtain an additional **three (3) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those three (3) hours shall be in **pharmacology focusing on NSAIDS**. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be scheduled for an Informal Interview. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. 24-153, In Re: Armaiti May, DVM**

Ms. Solomon was absent. Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Solomon).

**10. 24-154, In Re: Katrina Tavasci, DVM**

Ms. Frost was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 recusal (Ms. Frost).

**11. 24-155, In Re: Joseph Henry, DVM**

Ms. Soloman was absent. Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Soloman).

**12. 24-158, In Re: Danielle Simons, DVM**

Ms. Soloman was absent. Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Soloman).

**13. 25-09, In Re: Hugo Santibanez, DVM**

Attorney Flynn Carey was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. 25-11, In Re: Julianne Miller, DVM**

Dr. Miller was present and made statements. Mr. Mark Davenport was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Nausley to **remand this matter to the Investigative Committee** for review. Motion passed unanimously.

**15. 25-15, In Re: Danica Dahlquist, BVM&S**

Ms. Soloman was absent. Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Wright to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Soloman).

**16. 25-17, In Re: Karla Valentine, DVM**

Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**17. 25-18, In Re: Sandy Williams, III, DVM**

Ms. Soloman was absent. Attorney Shimin Luo was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Nausley to dismiss this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 absent (Ms. Soloman).

**18. 25-53, In Re: Alexanne Weinzierl, DVM**

Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter to an **Informal Interview** to be heard with case 24-146. Motion passed unanimously.

### **III. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS - BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION**

#### **1. 24-134, In Re: Kelly Pettfinger, DVM**

Matter tabled to future Board meeting.

#### **2. 24-121, In Re: Nalani Yamada, DVM**

Dr. Yamada was present with attorney Rae Richardson, made statements and answer questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Solomon to find Dr. Yamada in violation of:

**A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures for not ensuring the doctor's orders were followed. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, nay; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Frost).

#### **3. 25-39, In Re: Timothy Betkowski, DVM**

Dr. Betkowski was present with attorney Lynette Odom, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Wright to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, nay; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Solomon).

#### **4. 24-123: In Re: Velvet Edwards, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of October 16, 2024, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Nausley to adopt the Board Order as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Thompson to issue Dr. Edwards an Order that includes a period of **Probation for 1 year** to obtain an additional **three (3) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those three (3) hours shall be in **temperature support/hypothermic patients**. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. 24-122: In Re: Michael Robinson, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of October 16, 2024, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to adopt the Board Order as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to issue Dr. Robinson a Board Order that includes a period of **Probation for 2 years** to complete the following terms:

- **Three (3) hours** of continuing education in **Medical Record Keeping**;
- **Three (3) hours** of continuing education in **Client Communication**;
- **Review the Veterinary Practice Act's Statutes and Rules** and provide a written summary to the Board; and
- **A civil penalty of \$2, 000** - \$500 per violation – to be paid on or before the end of the probationary period.

Roll call: Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Solomon, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS**

- 1. 19-71: In Re: Celeste Roy, DVM. Quarterly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented.**

Dr. Roy appeared before the Board in compliance with her Consent Agreement. No action taken.

- 2. 23-78: In Re: Sara McMichael, CVT. Quarterly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented.**

Ms. McMichael appeared before the Board in compliance with her Consent Agreement. No action taken.

- 3. 24-54: In Re: Erin Miracle, DVM. Monthly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided which may include modification of Consent Agreement.**

Dr. Miracle appeared before the Board in compliance with her Consent Agreement.

- 4. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Monthly appearance as required by Interim Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided, including review of compliance with Interim Consent Agreement.**

Dr. Nausley was recused. Dr. Hunsberger appeared before the Board in compliance with her Interim Consent Agreement.

- 5. 24-46: In Re: Ivory Wildflower, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.**

Attorney Flynn Carey appeared and made statements on behalf of Dr. Wildflower. Dr. Wright and Dr. Thompson were recused. Dr. Jaynes appeared telephonically. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Byrne to accept Dr. Wildflower's Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 recusals (Dr. Wright and Dr. Thompson).

- 6. 24-107: In Re: Tamara Pauletto, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve Dr. Pauletto's Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. 24-77: In Re: Audie Wood, DVM. Board may review, discuss and take action on continuing education completion certificates submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement and may return license to Active status.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to approve Dr. Wood's completion of continuing education in compliance with her Consent Agreement. Dr. Wood's license will remain on Probation until premises inspection occurs and compliance is noted. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. 24-45: In Re: Laurel McEnaney, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Byrne to accept Dr. McEnaney's Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. 24-101: In Re: John McWhirter, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Wright to accept Dr. McWhirter's Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with his Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 23-60: In Re: Vicki Harris, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on completion of Continuing Education as required by Board Order and may return license to Active status.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Bryne to accept Dr. Harris's completion of her Continuing Education in compliance with her Board Order and return her license to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. 24-107: In Re: Tamara Pauletto, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request to modify proposed drug and alcohol testing provision of Consent Agreement offered.**

Ms. Frost was recused. Dr. Pauletto was present, made statements, and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to amend the Consent Agreement being offered to allow for nail testing within 90 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement.

**12. 24-08: In Re: Dwight Benesh, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on controlled drug management plan report.**

Attorney Courtney Sullivan was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Benesh. No action taken.

**13. 23-148: In Re: Heather Oyan, DVM. Board may review, discuss and take action on Practice Monitor report submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.**

No action taken.

**14. 24-46: In Re: Ivory Wildflower, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Dr. Wildflower's settlement proposal, re: Superior Court No. LC2024-000343-001.**

Attorney Flynn Carey appeared and made statements on behalf of Dr. Wildflower. Dr. Wright and Dr. Thompson were recused. Dr. Jaynes appeared telephonically.

- At 8:39am, after discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Solomon to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.
- At 9:02am, the Board entered back into open session.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Dr. Byrne to agree with settlement proposal contingent on the completed and accepted continuing education plan. Once submitted, based upon their dismissal of their judicial review action, the Board will transition to dismissing this issue with no violation and issue a Letter of Concern for not seeing a patient prior to pre-medicating the animal; not

monitoring/observing staff while administering the pre-medication to patients; and not providing medical records timely upon request. Roll call: Dr. Thompson, recused; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, recused; Ms. Frost, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye, and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 recusals (Dr. Thompson and Dr. Wright).

## **V. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Board will continue to conduct interviews of candidates to serve on the Investigative Committee. The list includes candidates that were interviewed at the October Board meeting and they are noted accordingly. Upon completing the interviews, the Board may consider, discuss, and take action on appointing one member and alternates:**

**a. Julianne Miller, DVM**

Dr. Miller was present, made statements and answered questions with respect to her interest to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**b. Emily Fassbaugh, DVM**

Dr. Fassbaugh was present, made statements and answered questions with respect to her interest to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**c. Johanna DeKing, DVM**

Dr. DeKing was present, made statements and answered questions with respect to her interest to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**d. Roxy Leslie, DVM**

Dr. Leslie was present, made statements and answered questions with respect to his interest to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**e. Carie Bikson, DVM**

Dr. Bikson interviewed at October 2024 Board meeting to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**f. Brian Jackson, DVM**

Dr. Jackson interviewed at October 2024 Board meeting to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**g. Iona Jaffe, DVM**

Dr. Jaffe interviewed at October 2024 Board meeting to serve on the Investigative Committee.

**h. Irene Brady, DVM (Interviewed in October)**

Dr. Brady interviewed at October 2024 Board meeting to serve on the Investigative Committee.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Thompson to appoint **Dr. Brady** to the Investigative Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on reportable charge information from Erica Garcia, CVT.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Wright to direct staff to request Ms. Garcia to report back to the Board within 30 days of resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Board Member Compensation Policy related to pause on mileage reimbursement.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Dr. Wright to reinstate mileage reimbursement with respect to Board Member Compensation Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information received regarding Timothy Chiasson, DVM.**

Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Md Frost and seconded by Ms. Solomon to open an investigation. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information received regarding Chloe Charlton, DVM.**

No action taken.

**6. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information received regarding the following possible unlicensed practitioners:**

**a. Carlos Nacato**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to open an investigation with respect to Mr. Nacato's alleged conduct. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Marianne Higgins**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to open an investigation with respect to Ms. Higgins's alleged conduct. Motion passed unanimously.

**c. Deva Khalsa, VMD**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to open an investigation with respect to Dr. Khalsa's alleged conduct. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on the following unlicensed practitioner cases:**

**a. C-25-01, In Re: Borzoo Afshari**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to close the case and refer the matter to the Attorney General's and County Attorney's office. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. C-25-02, In Re: Anthony Arevalo**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to close the case and refer the matter to the Attorney General's and County Attorney's office. Motion passed unanimously.

**c. C-25-03, In Re: Allison Montano**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Solomon to close the case and refer the matter to the Attorney General's and County Attorney's office. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinarian application:**

**a. Lacey Owen, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Thompson to approve Dr. Owen's veterinary application. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Board may review, discuss, and take action on the agency Five Year Rule Review Report.**

Ms. Whitmore updated the Board on the agency's Five Year Rule Review Report.

**10. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education Waiver requests:**

**a. Ryann Stepp, CVT**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Dr. Nausley to approve CVT Stepp's Continuing Education Waiver request. CVT Stepp will need 20 hours by 12/31/26. Motion passed 4 ayes, 2 nays (Dr. Wright and Ms. Solomon).

**11. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Veterinary license application:**

**a. Ryan Fairbairn, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept Dr. Fairbairn's veterinary license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Certified Veterinary Technician application:**

**a. Abbigail Gregg**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Dr. Wright to deny applicant Gregg's CVT application. Motion passed unanimously.

**13. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises inspections:**

**a. R4355 Petsmart Veterinary Services. Jarrod Dorsey, DVM.**

No action taken. License canceled; new application with new responsible veterinarian received.

**14. Executive Director Report**

**a. License/Certificate Renewal period**

Ms. Whitmore updated the Board on the current renewal cycle occurring. No action taken.

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. October 16, 2024 Regular Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve the October 16, 2024 regular session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **2. October 16, 2024 Executive Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve the October 16, 2024 executive session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Approval of Premises Licenses** – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R4544: Holbrook Veterinary Care. Address Change. Abbie Reidhead, DVM.
2. R4545: Dr. Becker's Nutrition by Design, Inc. New Premises. Karen Becker, DVM.
3. R4546: VIP PetCare Shopper's Supply – Apache Junction. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
4. R4562: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Tucson (Casa Grande Hwy.). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
5. R4563: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Tucson (Old Vail). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
6. R4564: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Tucson (Oracle). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
7. R4565: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Tucson (Valencia). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
8. R4567: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Yuma (Frontage Rd.). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
9. R4569: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Sierra Vista. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
10. R4574: VIP PetCare – TSC – Payson. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather VenKat, DVM.
11. R4576: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Maricopa. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
12. R4577: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Miami. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
13. R4580: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Coolidge. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
14. R4581: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Green Valley. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
15. R4587: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Casa Grande. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
16. R4589: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Chandler (AZ Ave.). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
17. R4591: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Douglas. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
18. R4593: VIP PetCare Tractor Supply Company – Yuma (32nd). New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
19. R4596: Banfield Pet Hospital #1270. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Penton, DVM.

**Approval of Premises Licenses granted.**

### **B. Approval of Random Premises Inspections** – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. P0651: Herd Health Grande Especies. Karl Pew, DVM.
2. R2710: Andrus Veterinary. Milo Andrus, DVM.
3. R3085: NACS, PLLC. Carol Yeisley, DVM.
4. R3469: Mark Secor, DVM, Inc. Mark Secor, DVM.

**B (1) and (2) were removed from the Consent Agenda.**

**Approval of Random Premises Inspections granted.**

**C. Approval of Animal Crematory Inspections - Responsible Owner listed**

1. C0048: All Pets Great & Small Cremation Service LLC, L.J. Cooper.

**Approval of Animal Crematory Inspections granted.**

**D. Approval of Premises Name Change Requests - Responsible Veterinarian listed**

1. R4119: Gilbert Queen Creek Emergency Veterinarian & Pet Urgent Care to Gilbert Queen Creek Emergency & Specialty Center, Erin Greenwood, DVM.
2. R4456: Castle Rock Petdocs to Castle Rock Pet Doc, Lorna Lanman, DVM.
3. R4375: Animal Medical & Surgical Center to Thrive Pet Healthcare Specialists, Matthew Miller, DVM.
4. R4515: Residence of Marla O'Halloran to David R. Barnes, DVM. David Barnes, DVM.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **approve** the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Items Removed From The Consent Agenda:**

**B (1) and (2).**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the above premises **pending compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

No summary of current events.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No member of the public requested to speak.

**X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room "A," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. One or more Board members may appear telephonically.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director